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1. (Once amended) A perpetual recording device coupled with a conventional media presentation device comprising:
 - an input port for accepting data from the media presentation device;
 - at least one recording mechanism associated with at least one data store facility for recording and optional transfer of the recorded media for store;
 - a user interface for controlling functions of data transfer, store, and playback of recorded data; and
 - a user input on the user interface for inserting a flag set into the recorded data, the flag-set searchable and usable as indicia for beginning and/or ending a playback session or for selecting a data portion of the recorded data for permanent storage.
2. (Once amended) perpetual recording device of claim 1 wherein the media presentation device comprises one of an RF radio or a television.
3. (Once amended) The perpetual recording device of claim 2 further comprising an analog to digital converter, and wherein the at least one data store is a writeable digital memory accepting data writes comprising digitally recorded media.
4. The perpetual recording device of claim 1 wherein the flag-set denotes one of a complete song, or a block of completed songs.

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The inventor also submits the following new claims for examination:

17. (Added claim) The perpetual recording device of claim 2 wherein coupling

results in internalizing the device into the circuitry of the media presentation device.

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18. A method for setting and initiating selective playback or permanent storage of stored audio or audio-visual media from a user-interface on a perpetual recording device coupled with a media presentation device comprising steps of:

- (a) initiating perpetual recording of the presented media;
- (b) identifying a specific media selection during media presentation;
- (c) activating a flag-set indicia from a user interface on the perpetual recording device;
- (d) activating a recover indicia from the user interface of step (c), the recover operation for retrieving the flagged media; and
- (e) initiating playback or media store of the flagged media.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein in step (a), the recording is digital.

20. The method of claim 18 wherein in step (c) the flag-set marks the beginning and end of a desired block of media.

21. The method of claim 18 wherein in step (d) the indicia is a jogging wheel manually operated to search the flag-sets.

22. The method of claim 18 wherein in step (d) the indicia is a memory button that searches for the set flags automatically.